

**FLATHEAD CITY/COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

October 20th, 2022

ZOOM/PHONE

EARL BENNETT BUILDING

1035 1ST AVENUE WEST

KALISPELL, MONTANA

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Members Present	Other Attendees	
Roger Noble – Out of town Pamela Holmquist Don Barnhart Pete Heyboer, MD Rod Kuntz Jessica Malberg-Fital,DVM.MSPH,DACVR- Zoom Ardis Larsen Ronalee Skees - Zoom	Jennifer Rankosky Kilani Klette Jenelle Grau Nicole Parker Cliff Bennett Jillian Boll Lisa Dennison	Brock Boll James Wardensky Kirk Zander Jonner Griffin

1. Call to Order

Pamela Holmquist called the meeting to order at (1:00pm) Started at (0:00:11)

2. Attendance

Roll Call. Started at (0:00:17)

3. Approval of Agenda

Don Barnhart makes a motion to approve, Rod Kuntz seconds the motion. (Started at 0:00:57)

Motion passes

4. Citizen Comment

Written Citizen Comment:

No Written Citizen Comment

Verbal Citizen Comment:

No Verbal Citizen Comment

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 15th, 2022

Pete Heyboer makes a motion to approve, Ardis Larsen seconds the motion. (Started at 0:02:10)

Motion passes

6. Departmental Reports

Community Health

- Kilani Klette discussed that they are fully staffed. Started at (0:03:12)
- Kilani Klette discussed that they did 20 Covid tests last month. Started at (0:03:41)
- Kilani Klette discussed that they had their first in person Medical Director meeting since Covid started. Started at (0:03:49)
- Kilani Klette discussed that WIC numbers are down as they have only had one dietitian working at that time. They were in the process of hiring. Started at (0:04:31)
- Kilani Klette discussed that Home Visiting is holding steady with a new staff member starting. Started at (0:05:07)

- Kilani Klette discussed that the Asthma program is steady. They have a caseload of 100 percent. Started at (0:05:56)
- Kilani Klette discussed the MCH program and the Safe Sleep project they are working on. As well as the FICCMR project they have coming up. Started at (0:06:18)
- Jillian Boll discussed that the flu number looks low on the report because they did not receive flu vaccine until October. Started at (0:06:59)

Animal Shelter

- Cliff Bennett discussed that they are getting a high number of dogs being dropped off at the shelter mainly due to surrenders. Mostly due to the housing shortage. Started at (0:07:46)
- Cliff Bennett discussed other options or solutions including waived adoptions, boarding facilities, and utilizing more social media platforms. Started at (0:10:48)
- Jennifer Rankosky discussed that they plan to meet with Animal control and Malia Freeman to do some outreach and try and have an emergency plan in place to fall back on. Started at (0:12:03)
- Jessica Malberg asked if the shelter still had the dogs that were found up by Hungry Horse reservoir and if they knew where they came from and if they will be located back to where they came from. Started at (0:13:29)
- Cliff Bennett discussed that all but 2 of the dogs have been adopted and the other 2 have appointments set up and if they don't work out, they have a partner shelter willing to take them in. Started at (0:13:45)
- Jennifer Rankosky discussed that law enforcement knows where the dogs came from, and they are working that side of it. Started at (0:14:10)
- Jessica Malberg asked if they could utilize the new building that they have to house the smaller dogs. Started at (0:14:39)
- Cliff Bennett discussed that yes, they could. Started at (0:14:52)
- Don Barnhart asked how much more it would be for a local kennel to take the dogs than what we would spend on it. Started at (0:15:07)
- Cliff Bennett discussed that he used to update that every year. Started at (0:15:21)
- Rod Kuntz asked if maybe it has to do with consumer spending as well. Maybe they could incentivize donations of dog food. He also asked if there was a foster program like there had been in the past. Started at (0:15:51)
- Cliff Bennett discussed that all surrenders go through him. More than half are due to housing issues. Food is not really an issue, it's space. Started at (0:16:42)
- Cliff Bennett discussed that they do have a foster program, and it may need to increase it. Started at (0:19:00)

Population Health

- Jennifer Rankosky discussed that the mammogram bus was here and there have been other screening events. Started at (0:19:49)
- Jennifer Rankosky discussed that her and Kirk Zander met with the Breast and cervical health program at the state level and the CDC had a budget cut of 30 million which is a 62,000-budget cut to the program so they may have to shift some things and move people to other programs. Started at (0:20:07)

- Lisa Dennison discussed that there were not too many outliers, there was one case of Lyme disease from traveling from the east coast. Started at (0:21:18)
- Lisa Dennison discussed that they now have 5 confirmed cases of influenza in the county. Started at (0:21:38)
- Lisa Dennison discussed that Ebola is present again in Uganda and they are revisiting resources just in case. Started at (0:22:38)
- Lisa Dennison discussed that Jonner Griffin is working to get materials revamped for School presentations. Started at (0:23:11)
- Lisa Dennison gave a big shout out to the Communicable disease staff for all their hard work. Started at (0:24:01)

Family Planning

- Mandie Fleming discussed that visit numbers are staying steady with a 20% increase in patient visits. Started at (0:24:42)
- Mandie Fleming discussed that they launched their PREP campaign, 30 dollars or less and it has almost doubled their PREP patient visits. Started at (0:24:53)
- Mandie Fleming discussed that outreach is really working and they are addressing HIV prevention numbers. Started at (0:25:07)
- Mandie Fleming discussed that she spoke at the American Society of Contraceptives conference last week. Started at (0:25:13)
- Mandie Fleming discussed the warming shelter opening and that they have started providing onsite services there. Started at (0:25:32)
- Mandie Fleming discussed that they have partnered with the Hungry Horse clinic and have been offering rapid HIV testing there as well. Started at (0:25:41)
- Mandie Fleming discussed that they have collected more syringes than they have given out. Started at (0:25:54)
- Mandie Fleming discussed that they had their first Narcan community training. They are working on planning the next training. Started at (0:26:04)

Environmental Health

- James Wardensky discussed that their call and walk-in numbers are down slightly this last month. Started at (0:26:51)
- James Wardensky discussed they are seeing more complex issues. Septic complaints, vacation rentals, air quality, burning toxic items, dust from construction sites, food borne illness, pest problems. Started at (0:27:33)
- James Wardensky discussed that the land and septic staff have been dealing with some difficult scenarios. Started at (0:28:18)
- James Wardensky discussed that the food Sanitarians provided training at the community college regarding the Serve Safe program. Started at (0:28:45)
- James Wardensky discussed they had some food recalls that they addressed. Started at (0:29:31)
- James Wardensky discussed that they were able to obtain cell phones for the staff that are out in the field for safety, efficiency and to use the new timecard system. Started at (0:30:35)
- James Wardensky discussed that they installed a boardwalk at the Kalispell Air Quality site. Started at (0:31:34)

Finance

- Kirk Zander discussed that we are in pretty good shape and discussed the cut to the cancer program which won't happen until next year. Started at (0:33:15)
- Pete Heyboer asked if there was anything still lingering for Home Health. Started at (0:33:53)
- Kirk Zander discussed that they are still collecting accounts receivable, could take months to trickle in. Started at (0:34:01)
- Pete Heyboer asked if that would make up for the negative balance. Started at (0:34:26)
- Kirk Zander discussed that yes, it would. Started at (0:34:33)
- Rod Kuntz asked if all that would be recoverable. Started at (0:34:41)
- Kirk Zander discussed that it depends on the insurance companies and their responses, and the gentleman working the accounts receivable is still working to get some items resolved. Started at (0:34:44)

Health Officers Report

- Jennifer Rankosky discussed thanking Kirk, Communicable disease, Immunizations and MCH groups going over to help dismantle Home Health and get things organized. Started at (0:35:21)
- Jennifer Rankosky discussed the Biosolids plant. The first offer was declined, they did a counteroffer and now they have accepted it. Started at (0:36:14)
- Pamela Holmquist gave kudos to Finance. Started at (0:37:35)
- Jennifer Rankosky gives kudos to Roger and Ardis for their help. Started at (0:37:39)
- Jennifer Rankosky discussed that the flu clinic was a success with 1,100 vaccinations done. Started at (0:37:56)
- Jennifer Rankosky discussed that they are still dealing with a little bit of the hail damage and working to get the cars fixed. Started at (0:38:14)
- Jennifer Rankosky discussed with Pamela Holmquist and the Communicable Disease staff that they will be suspending the Covid report. Links will be provided so that it can still be checked on the CDC site. Started at (0:38:48)
- Rod Kuntz asked if those numbers could still be put in the CD report. Started at (0:39:26)
- Jennifer Rankosky and Lisa Dennison discussed that they would still be tracking the numbers. Started at (0:39:38)
- Jennifer Rankosky discussed that they will work on the shelter overflow and microchip program. Started at (0:39:59)

8. Committee Reports

Environmental Health Committee

- Pamela Holmquist discussed that Jennifer Rankosky had touched base on that update earlier in the meeting. Started at (0:41:03)
- Don Barnhart asked if there would be an upcoming meeting. Started at (0:41:15)
- Jennifer Rankosky discussed that they have one coming up next week in regards to a Variance that was granted in April. Started at (0:41:18)

- Don Barnhart asked if there would be any other Variances coming forward. Started at (0:41:45)
- James Wardensky discussed that there is nothing in the immediate future, but there are some complex things they are working through. Started at (0:41:50)

9. Board Member Discussion

- No comments for discussion

10. Adjournment

Meeting ended at (0:42:58)

Approved by Roger A. Noble, P.G.

Date of Approval